'Deep Freeze Man' Survives Frigid Night

'It was the will of God'

"The baby had been in that room before and she never bothered anything. . . but I don't want to say any more about it. . . my mother is still very ill. . . it was the will of God. . ."

Mrs. Mattie McClendon sat in the neat living room of her home at 1225 Bradford St., on Wednesday and stared out a window at the quiet - falling snow as she reflected on the accidental death last week of her 17 - month - old daughter.

Northeastern police report that the baby, Rhonda McClendon, was dead shortly after being brought to Church Home Hospital, apparently of an overdose of arthritis medicine (Cloroquin tablets).

Mrs. McClendon is quoted by police as saying she took the baby to the hospital after she found a pill box on the floor with about seven of ten tablets missing.

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FUNERAL SERVICES for Rhonda were held Tuesday afternoon at the Mt. Olive Freewill Baptist Church with the pastor, the Rev. Leo Ceaser officiating.

The child's father, Robert McClendon, is a driver with the Baltimore Transit Company. They have one other child, Robert Jr., 2½ years. They are former residents of North Carolina.

The Medical Examiner's Office reported Wednesday that the cause of death is still pending.

Sgt. James M. McNamara, who talked with Mrs. McClendon at Church Home Hospital, reported that she told him the child got the pills while they were visiting her ill mother, Mrs. Ida Mae Green, 1700 block E. Fayette St.

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HIS REPORT said, "Mrs. McClendon said she went to the store for her mother, who is confined to bed with an arthritic condition, and while out of the house had placed the baby on the bed with Mrs. Green.

"Mrs. McClendon then reports that when she returned from the store she found a box of tablets lying on the floor with about seven tablets missing.

"She then noticed her daughter appeared very drowsy and her eyes were sunken," the report continued.

"The mother then took the baby to the Lyne Drug Store, Broadway and Fayette, and was advised by the pharmacist to take the child to the hospital."

Dr. Benjamin K. Dickstein, of the Lyne Drug Store, said the Cloroquin tablets are used by adults for arthritis and prospetyr. Sgt. Heck was prescription called for 50 tablets."

'Not our fault' says BTC of snow travel

"The interpretation that the large volume of troublesome locations reported by this company could be attributed solely to the bogging down of our vehicles is a fallacious one.

"Those reports in the main concerned locations where traffic in general was experiencing difficulty which in turn, slowed or completely halted our operations."

These statements, by J. Brooke Duvall Jr., vice president of the Baltimore Transit Company were made in a lengthy report to the Public Service Commission of Maryland, Dec. 6.

Mr. Duvall, was answering charges that the BTC was responsible for the traffic tie-ups during the snowstorm Dec. 4.

Sgt. Mello back

Sgt. Dennis Mello, Northwestern District police officer, is on temporary assignment with the State's Attorney's Office, to complete some unfinished work on his agenda prior to his transfer from that office to the Northwestern District several weeks ago.

10 Police killings in Baltimore area

APRIL 19, 1956—Robert McLain, 14-year-old Dunbar High School student of 404 E. Chase St., shot while running away from a stolen car at Madison and Fallsway by Officer Donald E. Mitchell of the Central District Magistrate Meyer Cardin exonerated the policeman.

JUNE 25, 1956—Harry Boyd Jr., 27, 1417 N. Broadway, shot in the back by Northeastern Patrolman Charles Fennell, who arrived on scene after a street fight. Magistrate Meyer Cardin ruled the officer acted in line of duty and the killing was justified.

JULY 7, 1956—Robert O. Harper, 34, 1614 Barclay St., shot in leg and bled to death following shooting by Southwestern Patrolman Walter Mina Jr., who told superiors he was breaking up a disorderly crowd. Officer Mina was exonerated of the killing by Magistrate Meyer Cardin, who ruled he acted in the line of duty.

AUGUST 15, 1956 — Frank J. Williams, 24, was shot and killed by Sgt. Albert Heck as a suspect in two holdups and the non-fatal shooting of a tailor shop proprietor. Sgt. Heck was exonerated of the killing in Central Police Court by Magistrate Meyer Cardin.

SEPTEMBER 19, 1956—Donald Jackson, 23, 921 Ellicott Dr., shot in the arm and chest by Southeastern Patrolman Benjamin Leden. Leden said he shot the man "in defense of my life," in the unit block Gilmor St. Patrolman Leden was exonerated of the slaying by Magistrate Cardin.

OCTOBER 15, 1956 — Benjamin Brown, 34-year-old patient at Rosewood Training School shot and killed by Northwest Patrolman Marshall V. Brewer with rifle he "didn't know was loaded." Magistrate Meyer Cardin dismissed the shooting charge after State's Attorney John Weiss said the State could not make out a homicide case against the officer who said the shooting was an accident.

NOVEMBER 7, 1956—James H. Duggan Jr., 28, white city sanitary department worker, killed by a policeman answering cries for help. Central District Patrolman Joseph Bosse was exonerated by Magistrate Meyer Cardin.

NOVEMBER 24, 1956—Clarence Wilkerson, 39, 1304 Harlem Ave., shot and killed by a Baltimore County Policeman while getting out of a car as ordered. Officer Louis DeMauro was charged with homicide by State's Attorney Frank Hewell. On Monday, Dec. 10 a Baltimore County jury failed to indict officer DeMauro. He was returned to the force with no official punishment.

JANUARY 11, 1957 — James Kenneth Robbins, 17, 1800 block Jackson St., was shot and killed after a robbery assault. Southern District Patrolman Melvin Kearns said as he fired a warning shot, he slipped on the ice. A bullet struck the youth in the back of the head. Patrolman Kearns was exonerated by Magistrate Meyer Cardin who declared that the shooting had occurred in the line of duty and was accidental.

AUGUST 4, 1957 — Benjamin Ward, 19, 231 N. Exeter when he reportedly lunged at Officer Isiah Pressey when the policeman attempted to question him about a stolen battery. Patrolman Pressey was exonerated by Chief Magistrate Stanley Richardson who declared the officer was acting in the performance of his duty.

GETS 12 YEARS

Cherry Hill youth and friend jailed

Chief Judge Emory H. Niles in Criminal Court Thursday sentenced two young men to five and seven years for the holdup and robbery of a tobacco salesman.

Sentenced were Mann Dickens, 16, of the 1400 block Barnes St. to not more than five years in the State Reformatory for Males, and Joseph Brown, 25, of the 2800 block Round Rd., Cherry Hill, seven years in the Penitentiary.

The pair was convicted of robbing Robert L. Worley of the 2200 block Linden Ave. of $156 on November 2, as he was parking the tobacco company truck in a garage in the 1100 block of Low St.

Court appointed attorneys for the two were Donald Murray and William H. Murphy.

Hickey Clay reported better

"We would say his condition is pretty good.

"He sits up in his chair beside his bed now."

Officials at Ft. Howard Veteran's Hospital thus described the condition of Capt. Leroy (Hickey) Clay, 2556 Arunah Ave., who has been confined there since late November.

Capt. Clay is the husband of Mrs. Monterey Kennedy Clay and a former U.S. army captain who served with the 92nd Infantry Division during World War II.

New city health officers named

Dr. Huntington Williams, commissioner of health, announced this week the filing of several important vacancies in the City Health Department's medical staff.

The new staffers, and dates of their appointments, are:

Dr. J. L. Rhyne, director of the Bureau of Child Health, Oct. 4; Dr. Henry W. Hollies, senior medical supervisor in medical care, part time, Nov. 12; Dr. Woodrow Hemphill, director of the Bureau of School Health, Nov. 15, and Dr. Morris Chelsky, health officer of the Western Health District.

Turner Station matron dies of 3 bullet wounds

"He gave her a hard time. "He said he was going to get "Baby."

That was the comment of Mrs. Josephine Roane of the 1300 block N. Ellwood Ave., as she made funeral arrangements Tuesday for her sister, Mrs. Harriett (Baby) Elliott, who died Monday night of gunshot wounds of the chest.

Doctors struggled for more than 96 hours to save the life of the 41 - year - old woman who was admitted to City Hospitals last Thursday morning.

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IN CONNECTION with her death, Baltimore County police at Towson charged her husband, Marvin Elliott, with homicide on Wednesday.

Police said that when they arrested the 43-year-old steelworker at the scene of the shooting near his home in the 100 block of Oak St., Turner Station, they recovered a .38-caliber revolver.

Witnesses said the shooting took place as Mrs. Elliott left the home of a neighbor, to enter an automobile for a ride to the Glenn L. Martin Company where she was employed.

Police said that the couple had been separated and Mrs. Roane stated that her sister had been living with her for the past nine weeks because "couldn't get along" with her husband.

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IN DESCRIBING the events leading up to the shooting Mrs. Roane stated:

"Baby went down to Turner Station to have her hair done. When the weather turned bad, she decided to stay down there with friends.

"The next morning when she walked out of the house to get into a car," she was shot.

"I'm not saying this because she was my sister, but Baby was the kindest person you ever wanted to meet," the sister said.

Mrs. Roane explained that Mrs. Elliott was called "Baby" because she was the youngest of three sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott had been married seven years according to the family.

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MRS. ROANE said that her sister came to live with her because of Mr. Elliott; and added, "I don't see how she put up with him."

"I was at the hospital most of the time and on Sunday I stayed with her from 12 noon until 10. It was then that I realized that she wouldn't make it.

"She talked for a while but she never called his name."

Neighbors described Mrs. Elliot as a woman who was fond of children, and "was liked by everyone who met her."

One woman said: "She was so nice and she never harmed anyone. She just went to work and right back home."

"It was a sad day at Glenn L. Martin when they found out she had been shot."

Another neighbor said that the early morning shooting occured" during all of that snow" and didn't attract a crowd.

Mrs. Elliott is survived by her mother, Mrs. Ozie Hancock, and a second sister, Mrs. Ethel Callahan of Lynchburg, Va.

First state trooper to graduate Friday

A 24-year-old former paratrooper sergeant will become Maryland's first colored state trooper next Friday.

Milton Sylvester Taylor of the 5000 block Race Rd., Elkridge, Md., will graduate in a class of 35 at the State Trooper Academy in Pikesville.

Taylor, a star on Cardozo's 1950 championship football team, was among 160 persons who took the state police examination a year ago.

Of that number, 85 applicants passed the written test, and 55 were selected to take the rigid six months training course.

THE NEW state officer is a former Morgan State College student, and is the son of Mrs. Margaret Taylor.

While at Pikesville he attended classes in criminal and state law, methods of filing reports, courses in firearms and investigation procedures.

After graduation, Taylor will be assigned to one of the state's four police headquarters.

$8,000 suit won against B. & O.

A Superior Court jury, with Judge Joseph Allen sitting, awarded Noah Brown, 51, of 1705 McCulloh St., $8,415.65 on Monday, in a personal injury suit filed against the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

Amos I. Meyers, attorney for Mr. Brown, told the court that Mr. Brown was injured, principally in his ankle, when a freight train backed without warning against a box car he was unloading in the Mount Clare Railroad Yard, knocking him to the floor.

Mr. Meyers stated that the accident occurred on January 14, 1955, and that Mr. Brown was then employed by a transfer company.

Mr. Meyers told the court, Mr. Brown's injuries brought him temporary total disability compensation from the State Industrial Accident Commission, until February 26, 1955, and then permanent partial disability compensation for the loss of 25 percent of his body.

Attorneys for the railroad contended that Mr. Brown had hypertrophic arthritis of the back before the accident, and that contributed to the injuries he claimed, rather than the accident.

Down-town Urban Area proposed

An ordinance designating the center sector of the city as the "Down-Town Urban Renewal Area" was intoduced in the City Council on Monday by Council President Leon Abramson with the backing of the Administration.

The area is bounded roughly by Mulberry St., Marys, Madison and Chase Sts. on the north; Fallsway on the east; Hamburg St. to the south, and Fremont Ave. to the west.

The ordinance was referred to the Council's Judiciary Committee, and Solomon Lisansky, chairman, announced that public hearings on the proposal would be held early in January.

The Department of City Planning suggested the boundaries of the area, with the agreement of the Urban Renewal and Housing Agency, and the Greater Baltimore Committee.

Specific plans for projects within this area have not yet been announced.

Included in the designated area are hundreds of homes, as well as the city's business district.

'STIFF ALL OVER'—After spending Wednesday night and Thursday in an unheated truck cab, that was the way Rodger Tabb described his condition after receiving treatment for frostbite at Provident Hospital.

'I knew I would get help'

"I got stiff all over. **I can't** walk now, but I wasn't afraid. I knew someone would come, they do every day.

"There was a garage across the street. Before I went down I would have called loud enough for somebody to come help me."

A still - shivering Rodger Tabb, rested his head on an examination table at Provident Hospital Thursday morning as he told how he lived through the frigid cold of Wednesday and Wednesday night in a truck cab.

As he talked, the 47-year-old man lifted his head from time to time to gaze down at his swollen, frostbitten feet.

Mr. Tabb was admitted to the hospital after an examination by Dr. Sidney Barnwell showed he was suffering frost bite of both feet. His condition was "fair," at AFRO press time.

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TELLING HOW he felt after surviving the night's 18-degree temperature in the truck, Mr. Tabb said:

"My feet and legs and every thing is aching. I'm aching all over, even my eyebalds."

Mr. Tabb said he often worked around a wood yard in the 600 block of Whatcoat where he was helped from the truck and to the hospital by two Northwestern police. He said he didn't have a home.

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MR. TABB'S dress for the ordeal was two pair of pants, a red - checked flannel-type shirt, a medium weight suit coat and an Army fatigue-type jacket plus a heavy coat.

He blamed getting his heavy coat wet for his predicament.

"You know when they get wet, that's something on your hand."

Mr. Tabb said: "I always pull my shoes off at night." He was unable to pull them back on Thursday.

New hospital

The Franklin Square Hospital has purchased a 41-and-a-half acre site in Baltimore County for a proposed modern general hospital of approximately 300 beds, at a cost of about $8,000,000.

18 years for slaying in school yard

A Criminal Court jury with Judge S. Ralph Warnken sitting, returned on Wednesday a second degree murder verdict against James C. Chisley, 31, of the 1500 block W. Lanvale St., for the dice game slaying of Walter E. Nelson, 33, of the 1000 block W. Fayette St. on July 27, and he was sentenced to 18 years in the penitentiary.

Assistant State's Attorney, Julius Romano, produced testimony which revealed that Nelson and Chisley had argued during a dice game on the lot of Elementary School No. 112 at Laurens and Calhoun Sts. and that Mr. Chisley had killed the other with a shotgun.

Michael F. Freedman, attorney for Mr. Chisley, contended that his client acted in self defense, and pointed out that Mr. Nelson had chased Mr. Chisley away from the game with a knife and that Mr. Chisley had run to a near-by bush to get the shot-gun to protect himself.

Mr. Chisley said he had previously hid the gun under the bush to take it home for hunting purposes.

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4 teen-age joyriders held after Lafayette Ave. chase

Four teenagers who Sunday night led police on a merry chase in a stolen car, were held for grand jury action in bail totaling $5,500 Tuesday after a non-appearance in Northwestern Police Court.

Magistrate Linwood G. Koger Sr. set the bails after hearing testimony on the chase which police said at times got up to 75 miles an hour and included running a red light and speeding across lawns in the 2500 block Lafayette Ave.

Joseph Johnson, 18, no home address, was held in $2,500 bail on a charge of stealing a 1957 Chevrolet owned by Daniel Cavaner, of the 5500 block of Price Ave.

Duease Knight, 18, of 2900 block of W. North Ave., was held in $1000 bail on the same charge.

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TWO TEEN girls who were in the car, Diane Joynes, 17, no home address, and Geraldine Spencer, 16, of the 1200 block Oakhurst Pl., were each held in $500 bail on the car larceny charge.

Johnson and Knight are also under $500 bail each on a charge of stealing license plates for the car.

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IN SETTING the bails Judge Koger remarked that the car larceny charges against all but Johnson might be reduced later to joyriding downtown.

Testimony indicated that the other three did not take part in the theft but that Knight later took part in a theft of a set of license plates for the stolen car.

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PATROLMEN Donald Fisher and Anthony Weise said in a struggle with the teenagers they suffered slight back injuries and were treated at Mercey Hospital and released.

The traffic officers said they first gave chase to the car after it ran a red light at Franklin St. and Franklintown Rd.

The youngsters finally placed under arrest when the car ground to a halt in a vacant lot near Ave. lot studded with tree stumps.

Ad tax punitive and burdensome says E and P

Baltimore's new ad tax on both media and advertisers presents a "terrific and unwarranted burden," says Editor and Publisher.

Media, like the AFRO, are called upon to pay 2 per cent while advertisers are asked to pay 4 per cent on the gross sales price of the space.

In Baltimore alone during 1956 there were 30,000,000 lines of classified advertising printed, or over six and one half million different ads were printed.

According to the ad tax, the newspapers would have to act as tax collectors and pay over 2 per cent on each one of these six and one half million transactions and at the same time pay their own 2 per cent on the cost of each ad.

Editor and Publisher calls the new tax "punitive" because it imposes a costly burden on newspapers in their classified operations.

How about a nice doggie for Christmas?

There's many a child around town who says: "I want for Christmas is a nice little ole' doggie."

The answer to that Christmas gift wish may be found at the City Dog Pound, 222 Calvarton Road where homeless pups and dogs are kept on the waiting list just for good masters to come get them.

They come in all colors, sizes and styles. "Hot dogs" Scotties, Boxers, Collie - type, and the "swept - wing" 1958 models of Hines (37 variety) not to mention the All - American breed.

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THE COST is $1 plus the license fee cost which is $1.25, and lots of love in your heart for man's best friend.

The animal shelter has plenty pups in stock and they suggest that you come early to avoid the rush.

All of the dogs are guaranteed healthy, free of flees and disease.

Two matrons sue taxi co.

A $30,000 personal injury suit was filed on behalf of two matrons in Superior Court Wednesday against the Diamond Cab Company and Louis Russell, 1200 block Eutaw Pl.

The suit was filed on behalf of Mrs. Coretha Jones, 102 N. Mt. Olivet Lane, and Mrs. Mary Cobbs, of 3026 W. Mosher St.

It was charged that the two matrons were severely injured on April 3, 1956, when a Diamond Cab in which they were passengers was in an accident with an auto operated by Mr. Russell at Baltimore and Pine St.

The suit charges further that the taxi was operated by Burl Pringle, of the 4100 block The Alameda. The matrons ask $15,000 each for the injuries they alleged occurred as a result of the accident.

Sour note for man with sax

You might say they faced the music and one couldn't sing to suit the judge.

Anyway, Edward M. Bey, 25, of the 600 block West Lexington St., was sentenced to nine months in the House of Correction this week by Magistrate Howard L. Aaron, for stealing a saxophone.

Pfc. Nathan Davis Jr., 25, stationed at Ft. Meade, was dismissed on the charge after military police testified at Southwestern Police Court that he had five years service with a good record.

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A WITNESS in the trial of **Robert Jett Van Horn, the lumber company executive who is on trial for the murder of his wife, Waverly G. Robinson of the 2100 block N. Fulton Ave., testified in Towson that the Van Horns appeared to be "a happy couple." As assistant head waiter at the Baltimore Country Club, Mr. Robinson had charge of parties given by Mr. and Mrs. Van Horn.**

'YES THERE IS A SANTA!' SAYS MRS. WILKS

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'I Yelled All Night'

EYES AGLOWING, this youngster takes no chances that Santa might forget her on Christmas Eve. She is giving her order to the jolly old fellow at a northwest Baltimore shopping center.

'There is a Santa,' says Mrs. Wilks

By MOSES NEWSON

"This is truly one of the best Christmases we have ever had. I told everybody who came, but you tell them again, I appreciate it to the highest.

"I didn't think we would get anything like this when the AFRO came by to get the story. People started coming to give us things last Saturday, people I never saw before. They haven't stopped coming yet.

"Now I know there is a Santa."

The words tumbled from the lips of a happy Mrs. Minnie Wilks at 320 N. Carey St. on Wednesday afternoon.

As she talked she pointed to boxes and bags of clothes for her five young children, to stacks of dishes and silverware; she pulled back bedspreads to show sheets, blankets and mattresses.

Santa Claus and all his helpers had really got the job done since the AFRO told how strained were the circumstances of the deserted mother and her children.

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AT THE TIME they had one pot and one pan; three plates a change of clothes, but no coats; one mattress, but no covers and mattress for one bed— and no hope of getting the things they needed.

All this had been changed by Wednesday.

Roy Jr., 5; Denise, 4; twins Michelle and Michael, 2½, and Sylvester, 7 months, looked like different children in their dresses and sweaters and pants and shirts — in place of the shirt-type garments of before. . .

These kids can go outside now on Christmas Day Santa, no matter how cold it happens to be. There are plenty of caps, hats, sweaters, coats, snowsuits and just about everything a kid needs.

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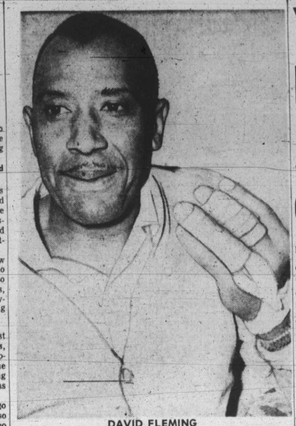
MRS. WILKS tried her best to say thanks by saying thanks, but you and all the kind helpers who came to her rescue may like to hear something else she said about the twins a lot more Santa.

"I used to get up and go feel them and they'd be so cold. They don't wake up so early now."

That's what you did Santa. You let them sleep in soft warm beds and wear nice strong clothes. And be happy for Christmas.



DAVID FLEMING
Seven agonizing hours with his hand in a door

'But no one heard me', janitor in door 7 hrs.

"I yelled all night but no one heard me.

"When the exhaust fans cut off I knew that I would be stuck for a long time.

"I looked at my fingers. There was no pain but they were as flat as a pancake."

These were the comments on Wednesday of a 50-year-old custodian who stood upright for seven hours in the Cherry Hill Junior High School, when the fingers on his left hand were caught between the folding panels of an electrically operated door.

From 10 p.m. Monday until 5 a.m. Tuesday, the cries for help of David Fleming of 437 Roundview Rd., bounced unheard off the high sound proof walls of the school gymnasium at Cherry Hill Rd. and Seamon Ave.

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HELP CAME close twice when a Southern District patrolman, noticing lights were still on in the building, investigated but did not hear Mr. Fleming's outcries.

A few minutes after 5 a.m. Carlton Dates, chief engineer, arrived for work and found his co-worker calling to him with a big smile on his face.

As a result of this seven-hour ordeal Mr. Fleming suffered a cut of his third finger, a fracture of the fourth and bruises of the remainder.

His release came about this way:

"When I exerted pressure against the 20 paneled doors with a pinch bar, Mr. Dates threw the switch which released them.

"When I first looked at my fingers they were covered like the letter "S" Mr. Fleming commented.

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IN A HOARSE voice he continued the story of how he walked into "my trap."

"The Bureau of Recreation people had finished using the gym Monday night when I went in to straighten up.

"I noticed a section of one of the folding panels was ajar and I walked over to push it shut. When I did it jumped in

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15 CHRISTMASES IN PEN

New trial gives Farrell life term

"The members of the court have discussed between themselves all phases of the case, the surrounding circumstances as related by counsels in this case, and we have come to the conclusion that the fair and proper sentence is that the defendant be imprisoned for the rest of his natural life."

Judge John T. Tucker, sitting in Criminal Court Wednesday with Judge James K. Cullen, gave this brief statement in sentencing Cornelius Farrell, 27, formerly of 2544 N. Francis St., to life in the Maryland Penitentiary for criminally attacking a blind matron on June 5 last year.

He will not be eligible for parole, under Maryland law, until he has served 15 years, or in 1972.

MR. FARRELL, NEATLY dressed in a brown suit and brown shirt and tie, accepted the sentence with a slight smile. A pleased and hopeful expression had been on his face throughout the nearly two-hour long trial.

Following a previous Criminal Court trial and conviction on the same charge on June 22, 1956, Mr. Farrell had been sentenced by Judge Joseph L. Carter three months later on September 31 to be executed.

Mr. Farrell was the first man sentenced to death in the Maryland Penitentiary's new gas chamber, after the State abolished its prior method of executions by hangings.

MR. FARRELL was before Judges Tucker and Cullen Wednesday in a new trial ordered by the Maryland Court of Appeals.

A majority opinion of the Appeals Court, filed the past May 13, held that Judge Carter had overlooked some of the defendant's procedures to be followed, during the initial trial.

William I. Gosnell, court appointed attorney for Mr. Farrell,

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10-day holiday in city schools

Public schools in the Baltimore area close today (Friday) November 20 for the Christmas and New Year's holidays and will not reopen again until Monday January 6.

These 41 homes have no bathtubs

No tub in which to take a bath—no kitchen sink in which to wash dishes— no hot water.

That is a description of the home of Mrs. Reatha Mae Robinson, 638 Stiles St., which was visited this week as the AFRO continued its survey to determine whether the city's bathtub regulation is being observed.

Out of the 67 homes visited a total of 41 were found without the required sanitary facilities which have been spelled out in a Department of Health regulation.

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THE REGULATION on bathtub states:

"Every dwelling unit shall contain within a room which affords privacy, a bathtub or shower in good working condition which shall be properly connected to both hot and cold water lines and to the public sanitary sewer or to an approved sanitary sewage disposal system."

The department's regulations also state: "Every dwelling unit shall contain a sink in good working condition which shall be properly connected to both hot and cold water lines and to public sanitary sewer or to an approved sanitary sewage disposal system."

This regulation has been in effect for two years.

The owner of this home at 638 Stiles Street was listed in city records as Mrs. Rose Ann Farone, 6448 National Pike.

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THE FIRST survey conducted by the AFRO revealed that

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Bible expert out of $64,000 show business' — Roy Wilkins

BY LOUIS LOMAX

NEW YORK—It was shortly after eight Tuesday night when my phone rang.

"Louis!"

"Yes," I replied.

"Addie," he said smiling into the phone, "Can you come over to my place? I have something to tell you."

Fifteen minutes later a taxi left me at the Winslow Hotel, the New York home of controversial TV star, Theophilus Aderonmu.

When I arrived in his modest, yet, comfortable room, I discovered that Addie had ordered digest for his "boy."

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"YOU HAVE been my friend through all this," he began, "and I want you to be the first to know. I'm embarrassed to tell not by all that has been said and written about me and I will not continue on the $64,000 question tonight.

"There was nothing for me to say. I just sat there looking at the husband I saw showing the phenomenal skill with the Bible, had written to encourage him and wished him God's speed. But there was more. Much more.

"Look at this stack of letters," he said.

I looked through a score of them.

Each one from a woman. Some of the women were white. Some were colored. All of them were in need. Each one had written about my coming.

ADDIE KNEW what I wanted to ask and, nice guy that he is, he spared me the trouble.

"I lied about my marriage to Catherine," he offered, "because when I came on the show I made me promise never to tell it.

"I am sorry because for two years you have been a friend to me and I have lied to you. I am sorry that I had to lie to the producers of the show. But once I make a promise I try and keep it.

"I will not go on tonight," Addie concluded, "but I will return for the $64,000 challenge. I am now the champ on the Bible," he added displaying the mischievous smile that has won him millions of rans, "and I

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'We won't be run out of business' — Roy Wilkins

NEW YORK — "The NAACP is stronger than ever in the South and we will not be run out of business by the attorney general of Arkansas," Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the NAACP, told the AFRO Tuesday.

The comment came in the wake of the late Monday action by Arkansas Attorney General Bruce Bennett.

At that time Bennett asked the Arkansas State Supreme Court to grant him power to "prohibit the illegal practice of law in Arkansas by individuals and corporations."

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BENNETT IS the author of the city ordinance under which Mrs. Daisy Bates and other NAACP leaders are now being prosecuted for surrender. NAACP files to Little Rock city officials.

In his latest move, Bennett does not mention the NAACP or its legal defense and education fund specifically, but the intent of the motion is plain for both organizations have the status of a corporation.

"This is more of the attempt to sweep the segregation issue under the rug and it will not work," Wilkins said.

"The latest polls show that our people not only are throwing in their support to the NAACP, but that they are sick and tired of segregation. Mr. Bennett will not stop our struggle for freedom."

Tax may force Parks to relocate

"Yes, it's affecting us. We've had to pause and think about this thing. We're in a position where we're going to have to do something.

"The temptation, of course, is to locate somewhere else. We have been looking for a location in New Jersey. I wouldn't want to say positively we're going to move."

Henry G. Parks Jr., president of the Parks Sausage Company, 2460 Woodbourne Ave., Thursday morning was discussing the effect the Baltimore manufacturers' inventory tax is having on his million-dollar-a-year business.

Mr. Parks indicated that an important factor in any decision to relocate is his firm's present need for expansion.

"We're sort of busting out at the seams here," Mr. Parks related.

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RAY HAYSBERT, general manager of the firm, said the manufacturers' inventory tax has increased their tax burden one hundred per cent.

"We're paying approximately twice as much tax as we did before," Mr. Haysbert pointed out. "We're seriously concerned because approxi-

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2 AME pastors die in pulpits

PHILADELPHIA

Two veteran AME clergymen were fatally stricken Sunday while participating in church services.

One was the Rev. William A. Flamer, 72, of 66 N. Dearborn St., presiding elder of the Harrisburg District.

He collapsed in the pulpit shortly after delivering the morning sermon at St. John Church in Wayne, Pa., pastored by the Rev. G. S. Hardeman.

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THE OTHER victim was the Rev. Raymond J. Hamilton, 72, of 5121 Ogden St., pastor of Bethany Church in Holmesburg.

He collapsed at the altar Sunday afternoon at St. Peters Methodist Church in North Hills while attending a quarterly union service of the Holmesburg, Ambler, Crestmont and North Hills congregations.

AFRO's Santa needs your help

In the four remaining days to Christmas, poor Santa is still with us. He was through the mail. What's more, they are still flooding in.

With so little time left, his only hope is that more AFRO readers will answer his appeal for assistance.

He has cases needing a lot of help, cases needing a little; he has families with fifteen children and families with two.

In his mail are letters from people who need to be convinced that there really is such a person as "Santa Claus." All of them people whose faith in the cheery chap needs revitalizing.

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WHAT CAN you do to keep alive the spirit of Christmas? Eighty hundred seventy-five of the letters have been already published and Dear Santa is not nearly finished the list.

In the following letters from 126 to 175 there must be a case to suit you. If not, 125 letters have been published in previous editions. Dear Santa needs your help.

Regretfully, all good things must come to an end and since Dear Santa sees no end to his mail, no letters postmarked after December 20, will be accepted.

Select a family from the following cases and see how Merry you can make their holiday.

A young mothers writes that she has five children and "my husband is sick and out of work." In the family are two boys aged seven and five-year-old and three girls aged six, three and one.

CASE 176

Another mother writes that she has seven children whose ages range from 13 years to one year. She says, "My husband left me and two weeks ago I lost my job. Her children need clothes, food and toys.

CASE 177

A father has been out of work for three months and his wife is expecting another baby. Their three daughters are all pre-school age and they need like

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Yes, there is a Santa for two children

Two boys or two girls between the age of 10 and 15 can spend a happy Christmas with a W. Mulberry St. family.

The Mulberry St. residents have two boys of their own, ages 10 and 12. "We thought it would be nice to have two other children come and share the day with our kids —they'd have Christmas dinner and all the trimmings.

"I would see that they had a happy time and that they got home safely," explained the mother.

If you know of two worthy children who should be invited to enjoy this treat, write or call Miss Sheila—MUlberry 5-6015. If no answer, LAfayette 3-3024.

Tears of joy

'Oh, thank God . . . this makes me so happy . . .'

This is how a Cherry Hill mother of nine reacted when the AFRO's Miss Sheila advised her that a reader had answered her letter to Dear Santa and was prepared to give her some Christmas joy.

The reader who played Santa is Mrs. Susie Harris. The Cherry Hill mother who cried at the news of help, told her story in case no. 3. In her letter to dear Santa, she had asked for 'any kind of help' for her nine children ranging in age from 2 to 12 years.

Dear Santa: Orlando is dreaming of you

Dancing around Orlando Marshall's head are visions of Santa bringing him a cowboy suit, boots and two shooting irons as he drives up in the sleigh on Christmas Eve.

There's nothing wrong with the dream, because such dreams do come true for good little 7-year-old boys like Orlando.

But he has been confined to Johns Hopkins Hospital. The Harriett Lane Children's Ward, for two weeks now and will not be home for Christmas or any time soon.

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JUST WHEN he was beginning his first year in school, Orlando suffered stiffness of the legs and could no longer walk. It was discovered by Hopkins physicians that he has a bone infection.

Not only that, but Orlando contracted rheumatic fever.

As if these things were not enough, his father, Nelson Marshall, 906 N. Broadway, a longshoreman, who was laid off the day before Thanksgiving, is as yet 'unable to find work.

His mother, Mrs. Audrey Marshall took a job as a waitress this week to help out with bills at home.

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VISIONS OF sugar plums and doll babies dance around Orlando's little sisters' heads.

They are at home doing their dreaming of Santa and the two little girls, Sharon, 5, and Marlene, 6, especially want Tinyteers dollies for Christmas.

Should AFRO readers wish to help these children they may send gifts and greetings to Orlando at Harriett Lane Children's Division, Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Gifts for the little girls, Sharon and Marlene, may be mailed to them at their home, 906 N. Broadway St., in care of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Marshall.

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More homes which violate the bathtub law;

Who the landlords are who rent homes with no bathtubs or water;

How much rent they collect in tubless homes feel and

What the people who live in tubless homes feel and say;

What the city is doing to eliminate homes with no bathtubs and running water;

Who the stumbling blocks are to this program which has been law for two years.

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sanitary sewage disposal system."

This regulation has been in effect for two years.

The owner of this home at 638 Stiles Street was listed in city records as